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WHY I AM A "MORMON"

"Why I Am a Mormon," is the title of an excellent little work by O. F Orsenbach and published by the Deseret News company, containing in a volume of about 200 pages a synopsis of the founding of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, together with a resume of its doctrines, prin ciples and teachings, and a comparison with discovered scientific facts which bear out the new truths presented for consideration. "Each day in the year. says the author, "presents a new field for the further investigation of the 'Mormon' question, with the result that thousands are annually added to the

The little work has been prepared for the convenience of missionaries and for the aid of investigators of, and converts to, "Mormonism," in the hop that "they may furnish many convinc ing truths that will find an asylum in the heart." The book contains chapters on the testimonies of archeology, astronomy, geology, and the soil, also on the "Testimony of Prophecy," "Mormon Home and Social Life."

Speaking of the testimony of arched logy, we may add, that the Bible has been thoroughly vindicated by tha science, and that the Book of Mormon way, whenever American archeology shall have unfolded its secrets to the student. There was a time when the Bible was the object of a tidal wave accounts of the Hittite nation was un founded, and that the story of Abraham, Sargon, and others were mostly myth. Belshazzar never existed, it was claimed. Some held that the story of Joseph was fiction, because it mer tions wine and the use of flesh as food by the upper classes. Critics claim that Pharaoh would never have of fered Abraham sheep and oxen as a present, but horses. The Old Testawas never written by Moses, but by Babylonians. But then careful investigation set in, and it was found that Moses had lived among a civilized people that recorded its principal events on stone tables an obelisks, and that it would have been strange, had not he written the history of his people, as the learned Egyptians wrote theirs. It has now been proved that the Hittites were a real people. Prof. Sayce states that they had contended with the Egyptians in Western Asia, and that at the time of Jehoram they were still forceful enemies. It is now known that they were not a power in the same sense as Assyria, or Persia, but that they formed a federation of individual monarchs and their subjects for war purposes; as long as a war lasted they were united under one leader, but when the war was over they again each asserting its independence. Regarding Joseph the monuments show that the Egyptians dld make wine at that time, and Rawlinson shows that animal food was in use by the upper classes, and that horses were unknown at the time of Abraham. That the story of the deluge was incorporated in the Bible during the exile has been disproved by the fact that It was known at Nippur centuries before the

Babylonian captivity Thus archeology has vindicated the Scriptures in every particular. The same it will do for the Book of Mornon, when the time comes.

SOUTH AFRICAN UNION

From Cape Town papers received it appears that there was general reolding in South Africa when the Union was effected. The Cape Times, in its great commemoration number, which was issued on May 31, last, reflects the prevailing sentiment. In the issue reerred to we find, among other notable 'eatures, autograph messages from a number of prominent men. Louis

"We rejoice that union has become accomplished fact—may we be a united beeple, hearts united as well as lands— a peaceful and progressive portion of the empire."

The history of this now united colony lates back to 1652 when the Dutchman Van Riebeck, established the first cololy in South Africa, as a half-way house on the way to India. In the course of ime these colonists multiplied and spread Inland.

For more than a century the Outch vere unmolested in the new country, out at the end of the 18th century Great Britain selzed the Cape, to prevent it rom falling into the hands of the French, and with the fall of Napoleon he Cape was ceded to Great Britain, in onsideration of the sum of £6,000,000 which was the sum Holland asked for From that time date the local roubles which have been settled, final-

y, by the union The Dutch settlers had several grievnces against the new government 'he English held views concerning the rative races different from those enertailed by the Dutch Boers. They landed back to the Kaffirs territory aken by the Dutch for the protection f the settlements against the savages.

he result was insecurity along the rontler and popular batted of the Britsh. The slavery question also came up South Africa. The British governnent proclaimed the freedom of the

institution was an infiguity, but they enactments providing for the freedom of the children born of slaves. This British opinion would not tolerate. Slavery was abolished all at once, and the result was an industrial crisis and deep discontent. Missionaries also aided in spreading discontent, and the government itself helped, by trying to prive the Dutch settlers of their language and local self-government. Finally, the discontented left English territory and trekked north. They conquered the Zulus and established themselves

in the great hinterland where they founded the Orange Free State, the Transvaal, and Natal. Naturally one would have supposed hat this would have settled the trou-There was room enough in Africa colonists. But, in course of time it was found that there were rich diamone deposits at Kimberley, and the Capi

Colony claimed this district. Gold was also found, and this attracted fortunseekers who became known as Uitlanders. Rivalry was engendered between the Dutch states and the Cape for the carrying trade. Natal had the best of it, for Durban was much nearer Johan nesburg than any Cape port. Competing railroad lines were constructed, and the rivalry led to a war of tariffs Cecil Rhodes, in 1895, Invited all the states to a conference on the railroad situation. The Transvaal delegates offered the Cape only a quarter share of representing the Cape Ministry, declined on the part of the government so small a proposition, and claimed two-fifths of the trade, with the result

that the conference ended in failure The railway administration of the Transvaal proceeded to charge such exorbitant rates over the 49 miles of line from the Vaal River to Johannesburg is would operate to drive all the traffic round by Delagoa Bay. To save her position, the Cape, instead of delivering goods to the Netherlands Railway over the bridge that had been buil icross the Vaal, ran a siding down to Vilioen's Drift, and made arrangenents with transport riders to deliver goods thence by wagon across the drift to Johannesburg, at through rates. which compared favorably with those charged via Durban and Delagoa Bay Mr. Kruger replied to this move by closing the drifts. Mr. Schreiner, who was then Attorney-General of the Cape advised that this was a breach of treats rights, and the Cape government requested Great Britain to assert these treaty rights, if necessary, by force of arms, and offered in that event to de-

The war finally came. The Uitlanders did not like the government of the settlers, and political lines were drawn engendering the most bitter feelings on both sides. The war was fought. The settlers lost and the republics wer made British possessions.

But South African patriots never abandoned the idea of establishing a federation with local self-government under the suzerainty of Great Britain It is this goal that has now been

There is no reason why this Union should not result in progress and prosperity to the entire country. The British government stands for freedom and enlightenment. Under its aegis Canada, Australia, and New Zealand have become prosperous. Egypt has been lifted up from the lethargy that held the rest of the Turkish empire until the late revolution. With union established and strife and contention removed there is no reason why South Africa should not forge to the front with rapid

A TIMELY WARNING.

Dr. Francis Clark, a Christian Endeavor leader, in an article in the Christian Endeavor World, Boston, calls attention to a subject of more than passing importance. He claims that in many of the High Schools of the country the moral conditions are far from what they ought to be. He refers especially to the dance, and he claims that by these dances, many young girls have been ruined, body and soul, because the dances are sometimes so public and promiscuous as to "have all the objectionable features of the public dance-halls." Dr. Clark also condemns the secret societies as another source of evil. In his connection he says;

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"I formerly thought that girls were more easily reached by the appeals of religion than boys, that their consciences were more sensitive, and their higher natures more fully developed than their brothers'. I am coming to doubt that, especially with girls of the high-school age. On the cars and on the streets I see more vulgarity and rudeness of behavior, less respect for others, and more indifference to the general public welfare among the high-school girls than among the boys, and it is often harder to find steadfast, earnest, Christian workers among them than among those of the other sex. Yet it is not the teachers or the pupils who are chiefly responsible for this condition in many of our high-schools, but primarily the parents who do not know enough or care enough to keep their children out of these secret societies, and who encourage the late hours, the dances, and the attendant dissipation for the sake of the supposed social advantages. Or, if they do not encourage them, they yield weakly to the importunities of their children; and the demoralizing results are the same. Many a father or mother has awakened with shame and contrition, when it was too late, to the results of such carelessness and overweening ambition when the daughter has brought disgrace and confusion of face upon the family. I write about this because I have upon my heart particularly the boys and girls of this high-school age, the age of adolescence, the most critical, and in many respects the most important, period of human life. I know thousands of these boys and girls in our high-schools of pure, noble, Christian character. I know scores of teachers who are conscientious and watchful of the morals of their pupils. Alas that all are not of this type!"

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All the bigh schools of the country are, of course, not included in the general indictment, but the fact that some of the schools lack the watchful care and wise guidance the children so much need, is enough to make parents who have the welfare of the children at heart, careful in the choice of schools, particularly where access may

be had to several good institutions. The public and promiscuous dance is a function which no wise parents will permit their children to aftend. The laves. The Dutch admitted that the | evils of the public dance hall are apparent. But if this is true, school dances should not be thrown wide open but be properly supervised and controlled.

A DAUGHTER OF UTAH.

Miss Emma Lucy Gates delighted her friends at the reception in Social hall, last evening, with a charming little speech, and the rendition of two beautiful songs, which fairly thrilled the appreciative audience with delight, as always happens when rare natural gifts and true art go hand in hand.

Miss Gates, referring to her prolong ed stay abroad, told her friends that her great desire had always been to show the world that "something good can come from Nazareth," and if sh had succeeded in some degree to do this, that, she felt, would be her great reward. She also expressed the hope that she would be able to remain in

Missionaries and other travelers from Utah who have had the pleasure of meeting the sweet singer abroad, always refer to her willingness to help in ever she can. She is proud of being a daughter of Utah, and a descendant of the greatest Pioneer and empire builder of modern times, as well she has reason to be, and her life, her work, abroad the talented children of Zion of which Utah is proud, not only because of their talents, but because of their integrity and loyalty to the cause for

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS

A few days ago we quoted an English writer who undertook to review the present financial situation of the United States, and who predicted dishe based his forecast was the excess of imports over exports and the necessity of gold exportation to settle oreign obligations.

The reports for May, however, show an excess of exports over imports of no less than \$11,215,820. This was due to the decrease of the value of imports rather than an increase in the value of exports, but the balance of trade was nevertheless in our favor, and the gold exports, consequently, fell from \$36,283,000 in April, to \$3,-143,000 in May. This removes one of the foundations for fear of the future.

The figures for the eleven months ending with the month of May are perhaps far from satisfactory, though the year is a record-breaker in the matter of imports. The total of \$1,-438,169,502 shows an increase of \$250,-914,000 over the same period year. Exports of \$1,617,000,000 for the eleven months show a gain of \$71-567,000 over the same months last year. The excess of imports over exports, best known as the "balance of trade," for the eleven months amounts to \$179,346,000, compared with \$358,-336,000 for the same period last year.

MONEY THE ROOT OF THE EVIL.

Many of our contemporaries, east and west, denounce Reno in unmeasured terms for permitting the brutality scheduled for the Nation's birthday, to take place there. The Boston Post

says:

"The city of Reno, Nevada, is evidently not satisfied with its dirty record as the champion easy divorce factory in the country. It wants to be known as one of the few towns in which that special form of brutality, the prize fight, can be carried on with impunity. The gambling outfit that is "managing' the Jeffries-Johnson affair seems rather smitten with Reno's charms, and if some other unsavory town does not bid more for the spectacle Reno will win. But if she does, and the fight is 'pulled off' there, the very event will make the holding of such demoralizing exhibitions all the more difficult hereafter. The wave of outraged public sentiment aroused thereby may even reach and purify Nevada itself."

We fully agree in the censure mon

We fully agree in the censure upon Reno, but we fear that anyone who entertains the hope that Nevada will be purified by the exhibition is doomed to disappointment, as long as there are thousands all over the country who are willing to spend hundreds, and thousands, of dollars to witness the disgusting spectacle of two brutes pounding each other into a jelly. Those who patronize such "shows" are to blame, for they are really responsible for them. And we understand that even men who claim to be respectable go and lay their money on the altar of the god of sluggers. Even mayors of cities are known to have gone to Reno "for their health." As long as alleged respectability mingles with the sluggers, gambiers, and prostitutes that assemble on such occasions, and shares with that element the money it, in many instances, has stolen from the scanty wages of honest workingmen, the demoralizing exhibitions will continue. The whole trouble is that "there is money in it." It is money that is at the root of the evil.

GAMES OF CHANCE.

One of the most singular features of man's mental constitution is his tendency to gamble-to take chances on some sort of lottery or other promising swindle that is attractively put be-

The main secret of this tendency is, perhaps, the desire to get something for nothing-a frame of mind that really drifts into downright dishonesty. Almost any one is willing to risk a dime in the hope of winning a dollar; but most men would not be willing, if they knew it, to train themselves systematically into a species of dishonesty that is so likely to become chronic as

is the gambling habit. The ruin of young men may often be traced to card playing while young At first the mere excitement and uncertainty of the game sustains their interest; then, as this interest lags, small wagers are made on the result; arger bets soon follow, and the gambling habit—the main characteristic of the robber and holdup-may not be slow in establishing itself as part of young man's inclinations. Thenceforth his hought and tendencies will lean toward that dangerous yearning for getting something that he does

Partly on this account, but also for other reasons, we are opposed to games of chance, even as a society recreation. It is a poor form-that

is a cheap and dangerous form-of entertainment. It teaches menta adroitness, concentration, and cunning. to be sure, but adds nothing to any real grace of life. It is a strenuous kind of mental effort and tires the brain as much as the vocational work of a day. It fails to refresh and invigorate, while it undoubtedly excites the emotions of triumph or disappointment, leading too often to hurt feelings, wounded pride, and inordinate vanity. Since success is, in any such games, largely a matter of chance the skill of the winner is never clearly proved, yet the loser is always disappointed, often chagrined and hum iliated as a result of such games. Enmity and rancor often replace amity

If one must rack his brain when he goes out for an evening's recreation, checkers and chess might replace games of chance; or, still less objectionable, guessing games and conundrums might be employed; algebraic problems and small puzzles in logic or arithmetic would be open to even less might possibly be useful we have no idea that society entertainers could be induced to give such amusements

We call, upon invitation, at home of a friend for rest, relaxation and good cheer; not for more worry added to the already too strenuous life of the age. Friendship is not fostered by diverting one's guests from the thoughts and things that really concern them to newer and still more puzzling mental problems. There are too many real problems pressing for a solution to justify the creation or invention of new ones that are withou value. The mental waste that reults from the intellectual dissipation of some evening card parties has not been computed, but must be enormous

Any form of amusement that does not refresh, rest, and invigorate, carries its own condemnation on its face. If dancing makes us feel better, let us dance. If singing charms, elevates, and refines, let it be patronized. art can show us better ideals of the human soul than are usual with us, let us have art. If advice, sympathy, and encouraging words can aid s friend who is downcast, let us use our mental ingenuity in discovering how to bestow these blessings. But let us avoid the hollow, deceitful, and beggarly inventions of any "society" that puts a premium upon mere luck, that elevates nonsense and patronizes folly to the exclusion of the real and genuine interests of healthful living

We do not mean to avoid nonsense in the form of humor; for wit is good sense, and comedy may rest and invigorate. We do not mean that people should always be serious, for we are convinced that all of us should relax at times and enjoy the lighter side of life. The bow should sometimes be unbent; the man should play, sing, and laugh, and even whistle, if he is alone and disturbs no one by the nerve-racking noise. We mean only that under the guise of social entertainment and recreation those things which are really strenuous mental work should not be fostered, and much less if they lead to evil and tend to lower the standards of our mental life.

JUVENILE INSTRUCTOR.

The cover design of the July num ber of the Juvenile Instructor is a beautiful work of art, representing 'How dear to my heart are the scenes of my childhood." The frontispiece is a splendid portrait of President Anthon H. Lund. The contents include the Garden of Gethsemane, illustrated by C. E. Johnson; a beautiful story "Zion, Dear Zion," by Susa Young Gates: "a Ballad of the Sea Gulls," by Howard R. Driggs ,with illustra-tions by Artist M. M. Young. President Joseph F. Smith gives timely advice under the heading of "Summer Reflections." His article makes reference to excursions and picnics, Sabbath breaking, late hours, a sane Fourth of July, and should be read by all Latter-day Saints. The World's Sixth Sunday School convention is described by Geo. D. Pyper and John F. Bennett. The Sunday School department work for all parts of the Sunday School is taken care of, and the number includes stories for children, a special article on children's work for the 24th being contributed by Marion A. Belnap. Claude T. Barnes continues his nature stories, and Jennie Mabey Roberts concludes her story, "The Lure of the City." The Children's Budget Box, Puzzle Page and "In Jocular Mood," conclude the number, which is one of high merit and

Harvard's mascott is Yale's hoodoo.

You can't keep a good aviator down.

Never give credit where money is The board of equalization cannot equalize incomes.

Sour grapes are always in season and grow best in sour soil.

The drier the weather the more abundant the crop of weeds. It takes a great deal of scrubbing to

get a mortgage off a house. Richard Parr can say, "Verfly I have five per cent of my reward."

It is as hard to regain a lost championship as a lost reputation.

Colonel Roosevelt cannot deny that he has injected ginger into New York politics.

Nevada being the battle-born state, it is quite natural that she should have the great battle.

In the bright lexicon of that septua-

genarian youth Zeppelin there is no such word as fail. What with investigations and inquiries, public office isn't such a private snap as it used to be

Charlton knows that beyond the Alps lies Italy, and for that very reason he does not wish to cross them

Just at present the sky is clear of theatrical war clouds. How long such a condition will last no one can say.

and charities due to drink is estimat ed at \$3,307,509, while the liquor revenue aggregates \$1,865.515." That is the approximate proportion everywhere, but ome "respectable" people defend the saloon nevertheless.

Roosevelt, with his usual vigor de nies a statement attributed to him that Governor Hughes was the only nan who could save New York state. He "It is wholly untrue. Utterly preposterous. I never said any such thing. There is not a word of truth " Not so strong and emphatic as the ugly and shorter word, still it will

The Detroit Times hastens to the defense of Senator Burrows. The Senator having been criticized for not hav ing attended to his duties with desir able regularity, that paper says: "We origin, but it means so much more than reaction or tropism that we cannot dispense with it. It marks off the animal world from the human as distinctly as the animal is marked off from the wish to join with Senator Burrows local morning organ in excepting to the criticism of a New York paper that the Senator is not enough in Washington. Eurrows has been in Washington too much."

Automobiles are not to be allowed in City Creek canyon. If the road up the canyon were widened and put in first class condition, there would be special objection to their presence there. There could be no contamination of the water by them while there can be from norses, with which the stream on holidays and frequently Sundays, is pretty well lined. Reckless automobiling in the canyon would be highly objectionable and dangerous.

Insanity in New York state is said to have increased 97 per cent during the past twenty years, while the population has increased but 53 per cent. Dr. Amos J. Given, of Stratford, Connecticut, in a current study of the question declares that 50 per cent of all inmates of all the insane hospitals in the United States are descendants from alcoholic parents. And yet there are people utterly blind to the awful danger to the community, of the sa-

IS CHARLTON GOING TO ESCAPE?

New York Globe and Advertiser. any of our courts, state or federal, to

refusing to ask extradition where it has refused to grant it, the Italian government should take no steps in the case, and if it proved impossible, even by struining a technicality for our own courts to take jurisdiction, a serious gap would be revealed in our laws and international relations. In that case it would doubtless be impossible to pass a law that would cover the Charlton case itself Such legislation, so far as it related to past offenses, would be in the nature of ex post facto legislain the nature of ex post facto legisla-tion, and therefore unconstitutional. But assuredly in such an event the But assuredly in such an event the most earnest efforts should be made to make impossible the recurrence of such a disgraceful condition of things—a condition of things that would bring government itself into contempt.

occasion arises—how the writer plains all these things, I say, I am a loss to know. These instincts or

metaphysical rather than of scientific

fected with the germs of lockjaw.

Moreover, as the punctured wound
caused by the nail bleeds but little and
this blood dries up and excludes the
air, the most favorable condition for

the development of tetanus exist, for,

as Kitasato, the Japanese bacteriologist, proved the absence of oxygen is most favorable to the growth of this germ. The germ itself looks very much like a tack. So virulent is it that its toxin in doses of 1-200,000 of a teas-

conful will kill a mouse. It has beer und by experiment that the poisor carried up to the spinal cord, no the absorbents or the bloodvessels

as are other poisons, but through the motor nerves themselves. Fortunately, an anti-poison or antidote has been de-veloped, but so prompt is the action of the poison that in an animal, two minutes after the injection of a fatal

dose of the poison, twice as much the remedy is required as if it h been administered with the poiso after eight minutes ten times

amount, and after ninety min forty times the original amount

forty times the original amount is necessary. This antitoxin is entirely harmless. As a result of antiseptic methods lockjaw is now almost unknown except after neglected wounds, instead of being terribly frequent as it formerly was. When it is feared, the antitoxin is used as a preventive, and when it has developed, as a cure. In animals, for naturally horses suffer enormously more frequently than man.

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People are apt to think more of man who has been exonerated than c one who has been "vindicated."

"In Pennsylvania the cost of crime

of Wounds, on a rusty nail is very likely to cause tetanus is quite correct. This is not because it is a nail or is rusty, but because by lying on the ground it has become in-

The history of our state department policy, the strength of the Anglo-Saxon belief in trial and punishment in the jurisdiction where the crime was committed, and the fact-a most practical consideration-that it would be irregular and may be wholly impossible for take jurisdiction, all of these things combine to create the desire that the Italian government shall ask the ex-tradition of Porter Charlton for trial in

the same antitoxin is used. In 163 horses that had operations performed on them, but were protected by the antitoxin, not one developed tetanus, whereas of eight cases unprotected by the antitoxin, five developed tetanus. The result of all these experiments has been enormously diminished, chiefly by the antitoxin used as a preventive.—W. W. Keene, M. D., LL., in Harper's Magazine for July. George Brief as is the interval Wants since the death of King To Rule. Edward and spontaneous as was the grief with which all London poured forth to make his funeral so spectacular, his memory seems extinguished by the concern with which official Britain takes note of the Toryism of George V. The new sovereign, concerning whom London newspapers speak with the traditional reserve and deference, is reported in reserve and deference, is reported in Berlin dailles to be reading the min-istry lessons new and strange concern-ing the limits of the royal prerogative. His majesty means to keep within the

From The Battleground of Thought. Key to John Burroughs, the faAnimal mous naturalist, has an Behavior. Clure's in which he answers Prof. E. T. Brewster, who said recently in the same publication that the key to animal behavior was neither reason nor instinct, but habit or experience. He says: "How the writeexplains the conduct of animals that have had no chance to store up experiences and form habits—the bird building its first nest, the hen with her first

The diplomatic corresponde entirely under his personal No dispatch must be sent eign government withou sanction. His majesty right to amend the himself. Appointmen mand in both the are are to be made per king. He will name ministers at his will a ences and form habits—the bird building its first nest, the hen with her first brood of chickens speaking a language she never before spoke and her young understanding a language they never before heard, the heifer hiding her first caif in the bush, the ground-bird decoying you away from her first nest by fluttering over the ground as if haif disabled, the puppy burying its first bone, perhaps on the carpet or the kitchen floor, the chipmonk or the kitchen floor, the chipmonk or the assumed the prerogative eighty do not surprise continental Europe, wallong attributed a manity to him; but they

Pienna Neue Freie Presse a reign any thing but colorless.—Current Literatur woodinouse laying up its forest store of nuts, and a score of other primary acts of animals, which they never could have learned as we learn, and which they do offhand and the first time the Gaynor And The Railroads. conclusion that ment should to order to end is very certain that be ended in no other w is very
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They do not intend that their legislatures shall be corrupted and their govment controlled by those who condown the line of animal descent, are slightly modified now and then, but remain practically the same from gen-eration to generation. The cliff swaltruites shall be corrupted and their government controlled by those who control the railroads. This country and government of ours are great enough to do anything. There is nothing radremain practically the same from generation to generation. The cliff swallows have built their nests of mudhow long? The chimney-swifts have built theirs of twigs—how long? The brooding grouse, when started from her nest, has feigned lameness and paralysis—how long? The beaver has been building its dam of brick and mudhow long? The word 'instinct' is of metaphysical rather than of scientific to do anything. There ical or startling abouning and running one-half or more of the othing rad world are

government do it. Private enterprists too valuable to be eliminated from railroad building and management it can be avoided. My own view which I avoided. it is only necessary for government appoint the general freight agent every railroad, for he could stop a rate favoritism at once. It would be be be to be could stop a st

him of any local agent who gave a false rate, and his criminal prosecution by government, would soon destroy the evil.

"But, at any rate, and in some way or other, this wrong will be righted. The moral sense of the people is awakened and we may trust the result. I am no enemy of honestly acquired wealth, but I have been the life-load enemy of moral wrong. Neither do the enemy of moral wrong. Neither do the people hate the rich; they hate only in justice. Even the French, when the Bank of France."—From "Go The World's Work for July

In The Day of Pharaoh. In The Most of us make the Day of acquaintance of Egypt in the splendidly dramatic story of Joseph and his brethren, and so come to look en Pharaoh and his people as gloomy and malign persecutors, it only to be swallowed up in the Red Sea waves. Or we read of the graves and sober monuments of the Nile Valley, with their perpetual reminders of death and the kingdom of Night; with the result that we are hardly prepared to realize the gay and lightsome side of result that we are hardly prepared to realize the gay and lightsome side of ancient Egyptian life, or to credit the thought that these tomb-builders could ever break into a smile. But there was a side of gayety and of charm, and, just as we are finding that so many of our deeper and more philosophical thoughts go back to the people of the Delta, so we are beginning to discover the originais of all our jokes in the buried cities of the Nile. The ladies were not unduly oppressed in the land of the Pharaba. Nile. The ladles were not unduly op-pressed in the land of the Pharaoha we may gather from this marriage contract, from a fourth-century De-motic manuscript, but dating in form to far older times: "I." says the lady Isis, "take thee as my husband. Then makest me thy wife, and givest m in token of dower, five-tenths of silve If I discharge thee as my husban hating thee and loving another mon than thee, I shall give and return or Reno can boast of a franker mi riage contract than that: and there something wonderfully naive in the idea of the good lady Isis "discharsing" her lord, on the ground that she hates him and loves another better. The sum she returns him as part of he limits of the constitution, as the Berlin Post says, but he interprets that instrument for himself. "It is an unwritten thing and the king's opinion of it is as good as that of any of his advisers."

sum she returns him, as part of he now cancelled dower, is about equal to a silver dollar. So we have still something to learn in marital levity and feminine imperiousness.—Charles Johnson, in Harper's Weekly.

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